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DATE: March 17, 2020
TO: Area Agency on Aging Directors
FROM: Dr. Alexis Travis, Senior Deputy Director
SUBJECT: Additional Policy Guidance for In-Person Assessments and Reassessments Programs (AASA COVID-19 2020-2)

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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) has a responsibility to provide policy guidance to area agencies on aging (AAA) awarded funds under the Older Americans Act and from the Michigan Legislature. It is the purpose of this transmittal letter to provide additional clarification regarding in-person assessments and reassessments.

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Attachment

Policy for In-Person Assessments and Reassessments

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a State of Emergency (2020-4) for the State of Michigan. Information on the Stafford Act Declaration can be found at:

Information on the State of Michigan response to COVID-19 can be found at:
<https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus>

Additionally, on March 16, 2020, the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA) authorized the Senior Deputy Director of the Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) to waive, revise and/or amend CSA-approved definitions, standards, compliance indicators, and requirements for area agencies on aging (AAA), grantee agencies, and service programs to provide administrative and programmatic flexibility to support the aging networks COVID-19 response.

AASA Policy Guidance Related to In-Person Assessment and Re-assessments:

The AASA Senior Deputy Director has waived the requirements for in-person client assessments and reassessments as required by AASA's Operating Standards for Service Programs. Area agencies on aging and service programs subject to AASA's Operating Standards for Service Programs and Operating Standards for Area Agencies on Aging may conduct client assessments and re-assessments remotely (e.g., telephonically, Skype, video conference, etc.).

Please contact the AASA field representative assigned to your planning and service area should you have questions regarding this policy waiver.